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News Release

Sheriff Grady Judd sends strong message to On-line Pedophiles "They made a Date with Deputies Instead of Children"

POLK COUNTY, Fla. — In a six-week long investigation, that ended in a weekend undercover operation, Polk Sheriff's detectives, posing as children on the Internet, arrested 21 adults, most who traveled into the county and intended to have sex with children. The undercover operation lead by the Polk Sheriff's Office, included detectives from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE. The multi-agency effort, directed by PCSO detectives, will enhance prosecution extending across several jurisdictions, and is an alliance that demonstrates law enforcement's continuous commitment to fighting Internet crimes against children.

In approximately 72 hours, online predators, stalking who they believed to be young girls and boys, arrived at an undercover location, walked into a house and were immediately handcuffed by deputies. "We absolutely will not tolerate anyone preying on our children," said Sheriff Grady Judd. "I want the community to know that we are doing all we can to protect our children. If you come to Polk County to attack our children, we will put you in jail."

The majority of the suspects, often called "travelers" because they are willing to travel to their prey, typically use the Internet to groom children as young as eight years of age, into having sex. Internet Crimes Detectives used chat rooms and instant messaging to direct suspects to the location. In the words of one undercover detective, "You really don't want to see what they type."

National statistics indicate that one in five children receive an online sexual solicitation, one in 33 have received an aggressive online sexual solicitation and one in four have been exposed to unwanted sexual images online. The shocking fact is that only 10% of those solicitations were reported to authorities.

Suspects had multiple charges which varied from Solicitation of Minor via Internet, Transmission of Material Harmful to Minors, to Attempted Lewd Battery. Detectives also seized three vehicles and one motorcycle.

1 Lopez, Edward Valdimir DOB 2-19-83, Hispanic male 837 Turnbull Av. Altamonte Springs Employment: Hess, Laborer

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- Auld, George John III, DOB 3-14-82, white male 551 Dornoch St. Davenport Employment: Disney World, Hospitality Host
- Sandoval, Roland DOB 10-10-73, white male 7504 Gallineta Court, Tampa Employment: Laborer
- Gant, Michael Allen DOB 10-15-83, white male 8106 Baja Blvd., Orlando Employment: Jims Plumbing and Irrigation, Plumber
- Stathes, Nicholas Dean DOB 7-6-86, white male 4415 Cleary Way, Orlando Employment: DME Corporation, Manager
- Arcahontakis, Nicholas DOB 9-5-79, white male 2825 St. Johns Dr., Clearwater Employment; Arcahontakis Inc., Landscaping
- 7 Kinchen, Kevin DOB 5-18-85, white male 716 Tradewinds Dr., Brandon Employment: Self-employed, also charge with possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia
- **8** Stenstrup, Bryan DOB 4-25-80, white male 2210 Yankee #334, Orlando Employment: Universal City Walk, Food and Beverage
- El-Shall, Yania Hassan DOB 8-4-81, middle eastern white male 4526 35th St. NW, Gainesville Employment: Law Student, Univ. of Florida
- Jenkins, Jonathan Nelson DOB 2-22-84, white male 355 China Berry Cir., Davenport Employment: Granit Construction, Foreman
- Suchon, Kyle DOB 9-30-81, white male 5305 31st Cir. E. #104, Bradenton Employment: Goodyear, Sales
- Lasko, Dennis M. DOB 9-2-44, white male 7225 Bellingham Oaks Blvd., Tampa Employment: Retired, Railroad
- Tyson, Jeremy Joe DOB 4-16-80, black male 2259 Simpson Ridge, Kissimmee Employment: Modern Plumbing, Plumbing
- Pinnock, Everad Glenn, Jr. DOB 9-17-83, black male 863 Niagara St. NW, Palm Bay Employment: Bagger, Publix, Palm Bay
- Honeycutt, Jason Lee DOB 3-25-78, white male 4061 Queen Anne Dr., Orlando Employment: Disney World, Ride Operator
- Koehler, Christian DOB 9-6-78, white male 3737 59th St. Dr. West, Bradenton Employment: American Furniture, Customer Service
- **17** Rider, Anthony S. DOB 8-6-64, white male 2929 McLeroy Pl., Dover Employment: Unemployed also charged with resisting arrest without violence

18 Rushing, Darren Bermard DOB 8-16-73, black male 16294 Campton Hts. Pl., Tampa Employment: Betacom, Technician, located in Thonotosassa

19 Torres, Juan DOB 9-22-82, Hispanic male 7313 Marseilles Court, Orlando Employment: Brighthouse, Technician

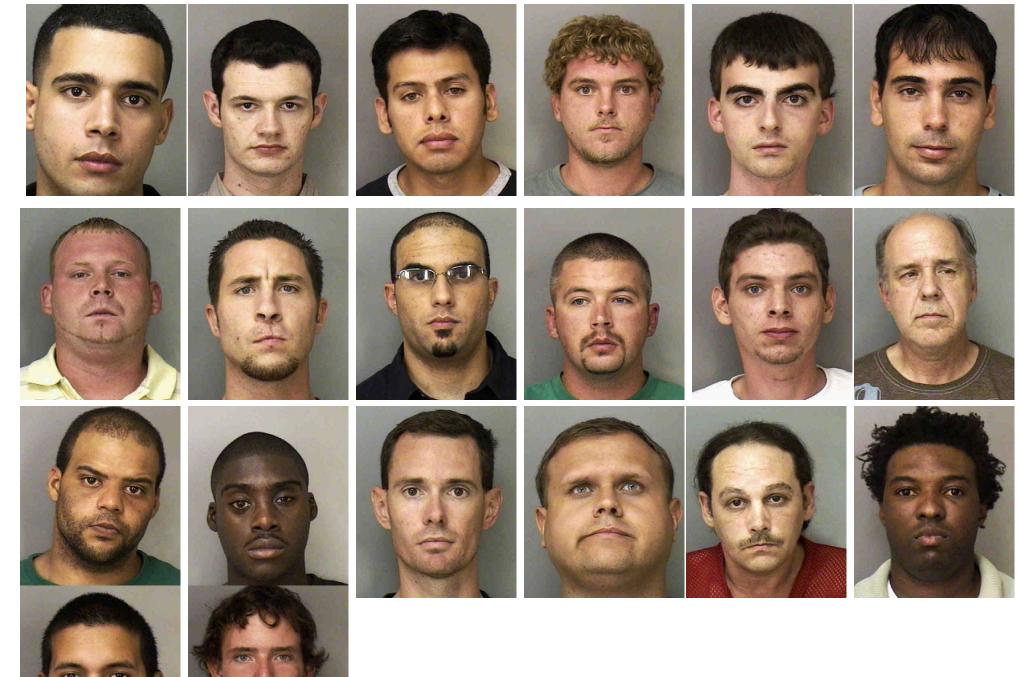
20 Paige, Clifford Stanley III DOB 7-22-87 1215 Singleton Circle, Groveland Employment: D & O Cabinets, Kississimmee, Installer

Also arrested in conjunction with the weekend undercover operation was: Montgomery, Mathew E. DOB 9-13-86, white male 6814 Hesperides Street, Tampa

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